

WASHINGTON, D.C. - For your information, below is a list of the earmarks I requested from the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for inclusion in the 2009 Transportation Reauthorization bill.

I requested that the University of Massachusetts at Amherst (UMass) be designated as a National Transportation Center. UMass will partner with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and Virginia Tech to form the National Center for Sustainable and Secure Freight Transportation Systems. The main goal of the proposed center is to bring about new innovative operating strategies that improve coordination between freight rail, trucking, air, and seaport systems in the densely populated Northeast Corridor in order to reduce congestion and transportation related emissions. This will include exploring the fundamental interactions between freight and passenger traffic and facilitating the application of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technologies to improve the mobility, safety, and sustainability of the freight transportation system with an emphasis on intermodal operations.

In addition, I requested:

Union Street, CSX Underpass and Intermodal Connector Design & Construction, MA \$2.5 million

Rt. 116/141 Road & Willimansett Bridge, Chicopee to Holyoke, MA \$1.5 million

Rt. 5 Improvements in Holyoke and West Springfield, Design & Construction, MA \$2.5 million

North Pleasant Street Corridor, Design & Construction, Amherst, MA \$6 million

Rt. 2 Design & Construction, Charlemont, MA \$6 million

Wildlife Mitigation, Design & Construction & Acquisition, MA \$6 million

Rt. 13 Corridor Improvements, Design & Construction, Middleburg, MA \$1.5 million

North Worcester County Bikeway System and the River Rail Trail, MA \$1.5 million

Berkshire County Bikeway System, Design & Construction, MA \$3 million

Franklin County Bikeways, Design & Construction, MA \$2 million

Hampshire County Bikeway System, MA \$1.5 million

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